(a) the number of resolutions of which due notice had been received under the Legislative Council Rules before the Vrischigam session, 1102 ;

(b) the number of resolutions that were sent for ballotting under Order 6 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council ;

(c) the date on which resolutions were sent for ballotting;

(d) the number, respectively, of resolutions for which longer notice was required under Rule 36, resolutions which were disallowed under Rule 34, resolutions which were disallowed under Rule 35, resolutions which were returned under Rule 37 and resolutions which were disallowed under Rule 38 ;

(e) the number of resolutions regarding which intimations of their having been dealt with as mentioned in (d) were communicated to the movers of the resolutions before 7th Vrischigam 1102, date of intimation leaving the Office of the Legislative Council being taken as date of communication ?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) Sixty-seven.

(b) Eight.

(c) 16th November 1926.

(d) (i) Thirty-eight. (iv) Seven.
(ii) Fourteen.
(iii) Nil. (v) Nil.

(e) Six.

356. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of resolutions received by the Government for the last meeting of the Council ;

(2) and how many of them were sent to the ballot-box; and

(3) to state the reason why all the others were not ballotted ; and

(4) whether the Secretary to the Diwan sent any communication to the Secretary to the Council regarding the number of resolutions to be ballotted ; and

(5) if so, that a copy of that communication be placed on the table ; and

(6) to mention under what Rule or Standing Order the Secretary to the Diwan sent this communication to the Secretary to the Council ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) Eight.

(2) All.

(3), (4), (5) and (6). No answer necessary. (Vide also answer to question No. 355.)

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Were not resolutions admitted by the President sent to the Government? If so, how many such resolutions have been received by the Government?

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I do not exactly remember the number. I have to refer to the records. We have given here 8 resolutions as admitted by the President and sent to the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The first part of my question is not answered. How many such resolutions were received by the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That is answered in the previous sub-division.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Were not resolutions admitted sent to the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—All of them had been admitted by the President, when the resolutions were received by the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did the Government receive any resolution not admitted by the President?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The question is not a supplementary one. I request a ruling by the President. It is not a question for the elucidation of the answer given.

President.—First of all, the resolutions have to be admitted by the President. Then, they are sent to the Government. Ten resolutions were received by the President, and only eight were sent for ballotting Is that so?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I think so.

President.—Longer time was necessary, and so only eight resolutions were admitted and sent to the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I see the order placed on the table last time at the request of the Members of this Council?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That is questioning the correctness of this answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I wish to see the paper; nothing more than that.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It may be in the office, and the Member can very well go and see.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I postpone the putting of the supplementary question with your leave to 12-20, after referring to that paper? Will that paper be available?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Personally, I do not know to which particular paper the Member for Kunnamkulam refers. There were so many papers placed on the table.

President.—Last time also there was the same complaint. I remember Mr. Nunez having complained. They wanted some information as to how many resolutions were sent in all, and

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how many admitted by the President and sent to the Government.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I shall look into the matter.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, he may look into the matter to find out whether the paper is forthcoming; and if it is forthcoming, may I request you, Sir, to permit me to put supplementary questions, after seeing the paper or let the paper be brought here?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I do not know whether I can leave this place just now without the sanction of the President:

President.—He is now engaged in the business of the Council.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—As if it is not known to him! (*Laughter.*)

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Did not the Government send any reply, when the Secretary to the Council submitted resolutions to the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is not a supplementary question at all, and I submit it does not arise.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I rise to a point of order. When the President allows a question to be put, is it permissible for a Member to say that it is not a supplementary question?

President.—He puts it forward only for the consideration of the President. He does not decide that it is not a supplementary question, but he only appeals to me as President.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—He said "the question does not arise." I can't understand, if the Member for the Government turns to the Chair and says that the question does not arise. That is not the form of appeal the Government Member should make. He should turn to the Chair, bow, and ask the President whether it is a supplementary question. Instead of that, he boldly says "the question does not arise".

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—That is the proper way in which the Government Member has a right to say. That is the way in which it is done in the Legislative Assembly. Of course, it is the President to decide. But the way to put it properly is to say "the question does not arise".

President.—Mr. Salem, there is this fundamental principle, that Members should not address each other. Whenever they speak, they should always speak to the Chair. In that way, all that is done is to be understood. You cannot always observe these formalities. The proper way of doing things is always to look to the Chair. That is putting a very hard strain on the Mem-

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bers. All must meet my eyes, and you can't look this side or that. That is very hard. We have to accommodate ourselves to the conditions of actual life, and should not tie the hands of the Members. So, when he said that the question does not arise, he simply referred to me, "I request the President to consider whether that supplementary question does arise in this case". Then, I have got to apply my mind to it and to decide whether it does arise or not. So, if that matter is understood in that light, there is no room for all these implications.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We will understand it like that.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It was placed on the table last time.

President.—So many things happened last time.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The answer to this supplementary question is contained in the answer to the original question.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether any reply was sent to the Secretary?

President.—When he says all the resolutions were sent to the Government, no further question arises in that matter. The number of resolutions sent to the Government is given as 8. All of them were sent for ballotting.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Sir, if I am permitted to see that paper, I shall show to this House that more than 8 resolutions were sent to the Government.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—I remember more than 8 resolutions were sent.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—We want correct answers to questions without hiding anything.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That has been the basis of our work, and insinuations of that kind I must strongly repudiate.

President.—Is it a fact that more than 8 resolutions were sent to the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Only 8 resolutions were finally admitted.

President.—I have understood the procedure in the Legislative Council Office as well as in the Diwan's Office. Here all the resolutions received by the Secretary are being placed by him before the President. Then, a scrutiny is made as to whether they are admissible or not according to the provisions of the Council law, and when orders are passed, it becomes the duty of the Secretary to transfer them to the Government, and the Government collects the necessary materials to discuss the resolutions in the Council. So, when the resolutions were once sent to the Diwan's Office, the functions of the Legislative Council Secretary are over. Then, we have

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to send all the resolutions to the ballot-box. Is that not the procedure?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes.

President.—In this case their point is this. If there are more than eight resolutions sent to the Government after admission by the President, and if the Secretary in the Diwan's Office sends only eight resolutions for ballotting, then, the answer given is incorrect. All the resolutions admitted should be sent to the ballot-box. Their point is that more than eight were admitted, and all of them were sent to the Diwan's Office; so, in the usual course of things, all the resolutions have to be ballotted. The question is whether the Diwan's Office has the right to delay sending certain resolutions to the ballot-box. Mr. Mathew, I think, I have now made the point clear.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Yes, Sir, I thank you.

President.—I do not want your thanks. All these formalities are not required. Even supposing the Government has committed a mistake, we do not profess to be infallible.

Mr. A.K. Vengu Ayyar.—Eight resolutions were admitted by the President, and this information was given to the Council Secretary for being ballotted.

President.—The answer is not to the point. I will go a little further. How many resolutions were sent to the Diwan's Office after admission by the President in the first instance?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—46, if I remember correct.

President.—If that be so, should not all the resolutions be ballotted? That is the question. If time is not enough for you to collect necessary materials, then, say so. I remember Mr. Salem once told the Council that, if the Government Members are not prepared to discuss resolutions, they may be replaced by better men.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yes, Sir; I said so. If the resolutions admitted by the President are not put into the ballot-box, our right is being infringed. It seems they cannot cope with the work.

President.—Every one of them is very keen that his resolution should come first. Each of them wants to get priority of claim. If you do not send all the resolutions, they are denied this chance. Mr. Nunez wanted his Karuvannur resolution to be taken up urgently.

Mr. S. F. Nunez.—I was convinced that there was not sufficient time. So, *that* we can understand.

President.—He may say "If you had sent that, I would have had every chance of discussing it".

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Mr. S. F. Nunez.—Here, Sir, the question was, "how many resolutions were sent to the Government" and the reply is "46", out of which only 8 resolutions have been ballotted. When such a discrepancy arises, naturally, we cannot understand the thing.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—May I explain, Sir? What we considered was, after collecting all the materials for discussion, those resolutions which can be taken up will be finally admitted by the President. In that light, we viewed it, and that is why this answer was given.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So, the admission of resolutions does not depend upon Rules or Standing Orders of the Council but upon the availability of information to the Government?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The word "finally" I do not understand.

President.—The fact of the matter seems to be that, within the short time at the disposal of the Secretariat, they were not able to get all the available information. This is a difficulty, and, you see, we are just in the commencement of the legislative work. After some time, we may be able to do the work more quickly. Whole records have to be hunted up, and it necessarily takes time.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I request you as the President of this Council to direct the Government to give me correct answers to these questions?

President.—That is the correct answer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My purpose is this. The Secretary to the Diwan has no right to send a communication as was sent by him to the Secretary to the Legislative Council. Under what Rule, Regulation or Standing Order was this communication to the Secretary to the Council sent?

President.—What is pointed out is that this sort of informal communication between the Secretary to the Diwan and the Secretary to the Council in regard to matters of legislative business should not be allowed.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It shall not be done hereafter.

Resolutions received after the last meeting.

357. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of resolutions received after the last meeting of the Council;

(2) how many of them have been disallowed; and

(3) asked to amend; and

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